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TITLE: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING ACCESS TIME
INFORMATION WHEN DISPLAYING NETWORK ADDRESSES

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the final office action dated November 3, 2004 ("Final Office Action") in which the Examiner rejected certain claims as indefinite (35 U.S.C. §112, par.) and all claims as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. Applicants amended certain claims to overcome the basis for the indefiniteness rejection and request entry of the amended claims. Applicants further request withdrawal of the obviousness rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(c) because at the time the claimed invention was made, at least one cited prior art reference in each obviousness rejection and the claimed invention were commonly assigned to International Business Machines Corp. ("IBM"). Accordingly, Applicants submit that the pending claims are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11.